

Rhode Island Navigational Enhancement and Training Program

Objectives:

- Enable commercial fishermen and for-hire vessels to acquire Navigation Equipment, as defined below, through a grant – or in other words, voucher – system; and
- Provide training and experiential learning opportunities to those navigating within the Orsted/Eversource Joint Venture Wind Lease Areas in the Massachusetts/Rhode Island Wind Energy Area (“WEA”).
- Further positive co-existence between offshore wind and fishing community

Approach and Eligibility:

- Navigation Equipment for Fishers Eligible for Commercial Fisheries Compensation Fund
 - Fishers eligible for the Commercial Fisheries Compensation Fund that do not already possess Navigation Equipment will automatically be eligible for a voucher to purchase Navigation Equipment. Navigation Equipment is defined as pulse compression radar systems and AIS transceivers (for AIS, further defined below);
 - One-time grants for vessels that do not already have Navigation Equipment will be available as follows: up to \$10,000 will be available for each eligible fisher with a commercial vessel or with an inspected for-hire vessel; and up to \$5,000 will be available for each eligible fisher with an uninspected for-hire vessel;
 - Vouchers may only be used to purchase and install pre-approved Navigation Equipment;
 - For those without AIS receivers the following will be provided: for vessels over 65 feet, which are required to carry AIS, vouchers will be for Class A AIS; and for smaller vessels, vouchers will be for Class B;
 - Each fisher/vessel operating within the Orsted/Eversource Joint Venture Lease Areas in the WEA is eligible for only one grant from the Navigational Enhancement and Training Program to upgrade navigational equipment; and
 - The process will be administered by the Technical Administration Provider (TAP) selected to manage the Commercial Fisheries Compensation Fund.
- Professional Training & Experiential Learning for Fishers with Valid Saltwater Fishing License (Federal or Rhode Island)
 - Fishers eligible for the Commercial Fisheries Compensation Fund may attend one professional training of their choice up to a value \$1,000 per person. Eligible trainings include but are not limited to a captain’s course, license upgrade, radar course, or rules of the road refresher.
 - In addition, the following categories of fishers who have a valid saltwater fishing license (federal or Rhode Island) will be eligible (capped at 300) to attend one group simulator session held at USMRC in Middletown, RI or similar simulation

facility within a reasonable commuting area: Private anglers; charter captain; and commercial fishing industry members. Up to 300 attendees will have the opportunity to navigate a vessel through a windfarm and experience various scenarios such as night conditions, adverse weather, and vessel crossings.

Funding/Cap:

- Orsted/Eversource intends to provide \$1,000,000 over three payments conditioned as described below into an escrow account for Navigation Equipment and Professional Training. Orsted/Eversource will make a payment of \$333,333.33 within thirty days of the final permits and approvals for each of the following projects: South Fork; Revolution Wind; and Sunrise. In other words and by way of example, within thirty days of South Fork receiving final federal, state and local permits and approvals with any appeals exhausted, Orsted/Eversource shall provide \$333,333.33 into the escrow. The same process will be followed for Revolution Wind and Sunrise. The escrow account will be used solely for approved Navigation Equipment and Professional Training courses.
- Unused funds will remain in the escrow to be used for a similar purpose on future projects.
- Orsted/Eversource will book half-day simulator sessions at USMRC or similar simulation facility within a reasonable commuting area to accommodate demand of up to 300 potential participants as defined above. There will be no tuition or training cost to attendees. Attendees will be limited to one visit.
- Once the funding and space at the simulators are exhausted, the program will end.

Administration:

- Navigation Equipment
 - The TAP will manage the eligibility process.
 - Orsted/Eversource will approve at least 2 Rhode Island marine electronics retailers capable of installing electronic equipment.
 - Retailers may source and install navigation equipment up to the vessel's approved limit. The cost of installation counts towards the grant limit per fisher. Retailers will invoice the escrow account for the cost of navigational equipment and installation.
- Professional Training
 - The TAP will manage eligibility process.
 - Orsted/Eversource will approve training facilities capable of providing professional maritime courses including but not limited to OUPV courses ("Six pack" captain's course/national operator of uninspected passenger vessel), 100 ton upgrades, radar course, and rules of the road refreshers.

- Training facilities will allow eligible participants the opportunity to attend regularly scheduled classes and invoice the fund for tuition up to \$1,000.
- Experiential Learning
 - Orsted/Eversource will manage reservation process and make simulator available.

Redemption Process

- Navigation Equipment
 - Applicants holding an approved voucher will contact pre-selected marine electronics installers to select Navigation Equipment.
 - Marine electronics retailers will work directly with the applicants to install Navigation Equipment.
 - After installation, retailers will bill the escrow account directly
- Professional Training
 - Interested eligible applicants will sign up for courses at approved facilities.
 - Facilities will work directly with applicants for course scheduling
 - Facilities will bill training account escrow up to \$1000 for each approved applicant.
- Experiential Learning
 - Scheduling of navigation simulator will be managed by Orsted Marine Affairs Department.